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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 99F-2673

Dear FDA:

I am outraged that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of ionizing radiation on seeds for sprouting. Irradiation has the potential to adversely effect the health of my family.

The research used to approve the irradiation of sprouting seeds was the same flawed research used to approve the irradiation of food directly. It was negligent to approve food irradiation without any research on the long-term effects of its consumption; it is even more negligent to assume the effects of irradiation will be the same on sprouting seeds.

Sprouts resulting from irradiated seeds will not be labeled?! I have a right to know what I am eating and any attempt to circumvent this knowledge is unacceptable.

I demand you reevaluate this decision. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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